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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 February 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed in the 02/23/2010 remarks with respect to the rejection of claims 1-12 under a statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground of rejection is made in view of a nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 7,664,074 B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because all the claimed limitations recited in the present application are transparently found in the U.S. Patent No. 7,664,074 B2 with obvious wording variations. Take an example of comparing claims 1 and 4 of pending application and claim 1 of the U.S. Patent No. 7,664,074 B2.

Pending Application 10/585403	U.S. Patent No. 7,664,074 B2
1. A handover method for providing a packet data service to a dual-band dual-mode mobile communication terminal having an asynchronous modem unit and a synchronous modem unit in a mobile communication network in which asynchronous and synchronous mobile	1. A handover method for providing a packet data service to a dual-band dual-mode mobile communication terminal in a mobile communication network in which asynchronous and synchronous mobile communication systems coexist the dual-band dual-mode communication terminal being provided with an

<p>communication systems coexist, the method comprising: the first step of, as the mobile communication terminal in a dormant state with respect to the asynchronous mobile communication system moves into an area of the synchronous mobile communication system, a Serving General packet radio service (GPRS) Support Node (SGSN)/Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) of the asynchronous mobile communication system receiving information indicating that handover is required; the second step of the SGSN/GGSN commanding a base station of the synchronous mobile communication system to perform handover; the third step of the mobile communication terminal attempting to originate a call to the base station, thus executing call processing and channel assignment between the base station and a mobile switching center of the synchronous mobile communication system; the fourth step of performing a negotiation related to call processing and setup between the mobile communication terminal and the base station; the fifth step of the synchronous mobile communication system setting up a trunk; the sixth step of initializing a radio link protocol between the mobile communication terminal and the base station; the</p>	<p>asynchronous modem unit and a synchronous modem unit, the asynchronous mobile communication system having a Gateway General packet radio service (GPRS) Support Node (GGSN) being connected to a packet data service node of the synchronous mobile communication system, the handover method comprising; the first step of, as the mobile communication terminal that is connected to the asynchronous mobile communication system and uses the packet data service moves into an area of the synchronous mobile communication system, and a handover event occurs, a node B of the asynchronous mobile communication system notifying a Serving GPRS Support Node (SGSN)/GGSN of the asynchronous mobile communication system that handover is required; the second step of the SGSN/GGSN requesting a mobile switching center of the synchronous mobile communication system to perform handover, and the synchronous mobile switching center requesting a base station of the synchronous mobile communication system to perform handover; the third step of the synchronous mobile communication system performing a procedure of setting control signals and traffic for transmission of packet data; the fourth step of the base station notifying the mobile switching center that handover has been completed and assigning a forward</p>
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<p>seventh step of the base station notifying the mobile switching center that channel assignment has been completed; the eighth step of setting up a packet data call between the mobile communication terminal and a packet data service node of the synchronous mobile communication system; and the ninth step of the synchronous mobile communication system assigning a mobile IP to the mobile communication terminal.</p> <p>4. The handover method according to claim 1, wherein a message, including the handover command transmitted by the SGSN/GGSN to the mobile communication terminal at the second step, includes channel assignment information and traffic channel entry information.</p>	<p>channel to the mobile communication terminal; the fifth step of the mobile switching center notifying the SGSN/GGSN that handover has been completed; the sixth step of, as the SGSN/GGSN commands the node B to perform handover, the node B directing the mobile communication terminal to perform handover; the seventh step of performing assignment of a reverse channel between the mobile communication terminal and the synchronous mobile communication system, and the mobile communication terminal interfacing with the synchronous mobile communication system and notifying the base station that handover has been completed; the eighth step of the synchronous mobile communication system performing call setup for the packet data service; the ninth step of the base station notifying the synchronous mobile switching center that handover has been completed, and the mobile switching center notifying the SGSN/GGSN that handover has been completed; and the tenth step of the SGSN/GGSN requesting the node B to release a connection to the mobile communication terminal.</p>
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The claims of the instant application encompass the same subject matter except the instant “**the ninth step of the synchronous mobile communication system assigning a mobile IP to the mobile communication terminal.**” whereas the U.S. Patent No. 7,664,074 B2 claims are to “**the eighth step of**

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the synchronous mobile communication system performing call setup for the packet data service; the ninth step of the base station notifying the synchronous mobile switching center that handover has been completed, and the mobile switching center notifying the SGSN/GGSN that handover has been completed; and the tenth step of the SGSN/GGSN requesting the node B to release a connection to the mobile communication terminal.” Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the U.S. Patent No. 7,664,074 B2 “the eighth step of the synchronous mobile communication system performing call setup for the packet data service; the ninth step of the base station notifying the synchronous mobile switching center that handover has been completed, and the mobile switching center notifying the SGSN/GGSN that handover has been completed; and the tenth step of the SGSN/GGSN requesting the node B to release a connection to the mobile communication terminal.” as a “the ninth step of the synchronous mobile communication system assigning a mobile IP to the mobile communication terminal.” because it was vigorously well known to provide a handover process in a mobile IP network, exchanging messages for the handover process, and the resource assignment i.e. channel assignment to easily switch between service provider while minimizing resource utilization in a handover schemes.

Further, the instant claims obviously encompass the claimed invention of U.S. Patent No. 7,664,074 B2 and differ only in terminology. To the extent that the instant claims are broaden and therefore generic to the claimed invention of U.S. Patent No. U.S. Patent No. 7,664,074 B2, in re Goodman 29 USPQ 2d 2010 CAFC 1993, states that a generic claim cannot be issued without a terminal disclaimer, if a species claim has been previously been claimed in a co-pending application.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Upon filing a suitable Terminal Disclaimer and proper overcome of the ***Double Patenting rejection*** as discussed above, Claims 1-12 would be allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BABAR SARWAR whose telephone number is (571)270-5584. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY TO FRIDAY 09:00 A.M -05:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, NICK CORSARO can be reached on (571)272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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